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1. UNITA ACTIVISTS WERE BUSY LAST WEEK IN THEIR STRONGHOLD IN CENTRAL ANGOLA AND DID A GREAT DEAL OF CAMPAIGNING IN UMBUNDU, A LANGUAGE SPOKEN BY 1.5 MILLION PEOPLE. UNITA LEADERS DEFENDED THEMSELVES AGAINST CHARGES THAT THEY SAY ONE THING IN UMBUNDU AND ANOTHER IN PORTUGUESE. THE LEADERSHIP RECALLED TO THE PRESS JONAS SAVIMBI'S DEFINITION OF WHAT IS AN ANGOLAN. FIRST, IT IS A PERSON, WHITE, BLACK OR MESTICO BORN IN ANGOLA WHO STRUGGLES FOR THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA AND ITS HARMONIOUS RECONSTRUCTION. SECOND, IT IS A PERSON LIVING IN ANGOLA WHO LOVES THIS NATION AND CONTRIBUTES TO ITS NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION AS AN INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN STATE. THIRD, IT IS A PERSON WHO ADOPTS ANGOLA AS HIS COUNTRY, WORKS FOR IT WITH ALL THE MATERIAL AND SPIRITUAL FORCE AT HIS DISPOSAL TO MAKE IT AN EXAMPLE OF FRIENDSHIP, PROGRESS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. THESE ARE CONSTANT PRINCIPLES WITH UNITA AND DO NOT CHANGE, NO MATTER WHAT THE LANGUAGE. A SPOKESMAN SUMMED UP UNITA PHILOSOPHY; "ONLY THE TRUTH IS REVOLUTIONARY."

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2. THE CHIEF OF THE UNITA NOVA LISBOA BUREAU RESPONDED TO CRITICISM THAT HE WAS A REACTIONARY. HE SAID THAT TODAY THE TERMS REACTIONARY, IMPERIALIST AND CAPITALIST ARE BEING TOSSED AROUND WITH GREAT ABANDON IN ANGOLA, BUT THAT WHEN YOU GO TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER - TO THE CONTEXT AND TO THE PERSON USING THE TERM - THERE IS A TREMENDOUS CONTRADICTION. HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH THOSE WHO CALL OTHERS REACTIONARIES THE TRUE MEANING OF THE TERM.

3. AS FOR THE UNITED FRONT OF UNITA AND FNLA, THE NOVA LISBOA BUREAU CHIEF SAID THAT NO INSTRUCTIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION HAVE REACHED THE LOCAL LEVEL. HE THOUGHT THAT A UNITED FRONT OF ONLY THE TWO GROUPS WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS UNITA SEEKS; MPLA MUST ALSO JOIN IN.

4. FNLA LUANDA BUREAU CHIEF, HENDRIK VAAL NETO, SPEAKING AT AN FNLA RALLY IN LUANDA'S SAO PAULO STADIUM ON DECEMBER 7, SAID THAT FNLA WAS THE PRINCIPAL FORCE BEHIND THE OVERTHROW OF COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM. THE FNLA, HE WENT ON, CREATED THE REVOLUTIONARY TRAIN AND WAS ITS DRIVER. THE PEOPLE CONFIDED IN THE TRAIN AND CONSTITUTED ITS COACHES. IT IS SAID, HE ADDED, THAT FNLA IS AN ORGANIZATION OF DUMBHEADS AND ILLITERATES. IN FACT, SAID VAAL NETO, IN FOURTEEN YEARS THE FNLA FORMED MORE CADRES THAN PORTUGAL IN 500 YEARS. IN THOSE SAME FOURTEEN YEARS FNLA SENT HUNDREDS OF ANGOLANS TO UNIVERSITIES. WITH THE MONEY AND SACRIFICE OF THE PEOPLE THE FNLA MAINTAINED SCHOOLS FOR MORE THAN 100,000 CHILDREN IN LIBERATED ZONES OF ANGOLA. THESE SCHOOLS WERE CREATED WITH THE SACRIFICE OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE; THERE WAS NO FOREIGN INTERVENTION. CONTRARY TO WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT THE FNLA, IT NEEDS NO IMPERIALISM IN ORDER TO LIVE. THERE ARE STORIES, HE CONTINUED, THAT MOBUTU GAVE FNLA THE MONEY, OR THAT IT CAME FROM THE AMERICANS. LIES* IF EACH OF THE 2,300,000 MILITANTS OF THE FNLA RECEIVED TWENTY ESCUDOS, HOW MUCH MONEY WOULD THAT BE? "WE WERE THE ONLY ONES WITH THE COURAGE TO ATTACK BOTH SOVIET AND AMERICAN IMPERIALISM." VAAL NETO SAID THAT THERE IS MORE TALK ABOUT "ISMS" THAN INDEPENDENCE. THOSE WHO BROUGHT US TO THIS IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE ARE MERELY TRYING TO DISTRACT US, HE SAID; THE OBJECTIVE IS IMMEDIATE AND TOTAL INDEPENDENCE. THERE IS A CAMPAIGN AFOOT TO IMPEDE THE ENTRY OF WHITES INTO FNLA RANKS, SAID VAAL NETO. HE CALLED UPON ANGOLANS OF ALL

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COLORS TO BE VIGILANT.

5. THE MPLA OPENED AN OFFICE IN NOVA LISBOA ON DECEMBER 8. LUCIO LARA, LUANDA BUREAU CHIEF WAS PRESENT AND REVIEWED THE HISTORY OF THE MPLA THESE PAST EIGHTEEN YEARS. THE JOB NOW IS TO BUILD, HE SAID, BUT WE MUST BE VIGILANT, BECAUSE THE ENEMY IS LURKING; HE IS WITHIN, BUT DIRECTED FROM ABROAD. WE MUST DEFEAT COLONIALISM, RACISM, AND REGIONALISM SO THAT THE ENEMY WILL FIND NO BREACH

THROUGH WHICH HE CAN ENTER. ANGOLA IS FOR ANGOLANS AND IT IS
ANGOLANS WHO HAVE THE RIGHT TO BUILD THEIR NATION AS THEY WISH
AND REJECT FOREIGN INTERVENTION. AT ANOTHER RALLY IN NOVA LISBOA,
LARA SAID THAT THE MPLA IS THE MOST GLORIOUS MOVMENT ON THIS
EARTH; IT WAS BORN WITH AN IDEA, PROPAGATED THIS IDEA AND
DEFENDED IT BY FORCE OF ARMS. "WE WILL NOT PERMIT OTHER MOVEMENTS
THAT SPEAK WITH TWO VOICES, THAT SPEAK FOR TWO PEOPLES, TO USE
US AS AN INSTRUMENT OF INSULT. WE WILL FIGHT THIS THROUGH THE
MOBILIZATION OF THE PEOPLE, THROUGH EXPLAINING WHAT A POPULAR
REVOLUTION IS. WE DO NOT SPEAK WITH TWO TONGUES. WHEN WE SPEAK
UMBUNDO, QUIMBUNDO, QUIOCO, QUICONGO OR CUANHAMA WE SAY THE
SAME THING WE SAY IN PORTUGUESE."
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